

Bolus Mark J.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Bolus Mark J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/20/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY  
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DEWITT, NY 13214

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/20/2018		M		583.7192	A	11
Common Stock					6,411.23	(2)	I
Common Stock					194.205	I	I

By Mark Bolus Trust  
By daughter, Taylor Bolus

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Common Stock		194.205	I	By daughter, Paige Bolus
Common Stock		194.205	I	By son, Austin Bolus
Common Stock		194.205	I	By son, Noah Bolus
Common Stock		4,685.885 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Taylor Bolus Trust
Common Stock		4,685.885 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Paige Bolus Trust
Common Stock		4,687.375 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Austin Bolus Trust
Common Stock		4,687.375 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	By Noah Bolus Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Phantom Stock (Deferred Stock Units)	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2018		A	611	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	
Phantom Stock (Deferred Compensation)	<u>(6)</u>	03/20/2018		M	583.7192	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	58

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bolus Mark J. C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Mark J. Bolus 03/22/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On March 20, 2018, the reporting person's phantom stock units were settled for an equal number of shares of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock.
- (2) Includes 112.427 shares acquired pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Includes 85.589 shares acquired pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (4) Includes 87.079 shares acquired pursuant to the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (5) The reporting person has received deferred stock units under the Community Bank System, Inc. 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each phantom stock unit which represents a deferred stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock and will be settled in common stock at a predetermined date.
- (6) Each unit of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. The units of phantom stock relating to the Deferred Compensation Plan will be settled in Community Bank System, Inc. common stock at future dates selected by the reporting person.
- (7) Includes 36.4581 units of phantom stock acquired on January 10, 2018 under the Deferred Compensation Plan's dividend reinvestment feature.

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